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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 14, 2003

APPLICATION OF

TELECONEX OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00141

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

On September 17, 2002, TeleConex of Virginia, Inc. ("TeleConex" or "Applicant"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In an Order dated December 17, 2002, the Commission extended the date for the filing of a Staff Report in this matter because TeleConex had not yet filed the bond necessary for the Staff to complete its investigation. The date for the filing of the Staff Report was extended from December 17, 2002, to February 14, 2003.

On February 13, 2003, the Applicant filed a letter requesting a further extension of the procedural schedule. In

support of its request, TeleConex states that it has encountered delays in obtaining the required security bond and will require additional time to contact other bonding companies. The Applicant requests a 90-day extension of the procedural schedule.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the request and applicable law, finds that the request should be granted. Section 56-265.4:4 B 2 of the Code of Virginia requires the Commission to issue an order denying or approving applications for certification no more than 180 days from the filing of the application, except that the Commission may extend that period for an additional 90 days. The 180-day deadline for this application is March 16, 2003. Extending that date by 90 days gives us a new statutory deadline of June 13, 2003.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) TeleConex shall submit to the Staff a security bond necessary for the Staff to complete its investigation as soon as possible, but no later than May 15, 2003.

(2) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of TeleConex's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed within ten (10) calendar days of the Applicant's filing of the above-described bond.

(3) TeleConex may file any response it has to the Staff Report within seven (7) calendar days of the Staff's filing.

(4) All other provisions of our October 11, 2002, Order for Notice and Comments shall remain in full force and effect.

(5) This matter is continued generally for further orders of the Commission.